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1. PROFESSOR VOGEL'S BRIEF STOPOVER IN NAHA JUNE 25 WAS OUT-
STANDING SUCCESS. VOGEL MET FOR THREE HOURS AT CG RESIDENCE WITH
13 PROFESSORS IN VARIOUS FIELDS OF SOCIAL SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY
OF RYUKYUS AND OKINAWA INT'L UNIVERSITY, WHO MADE IT CLEAR THAT
OKINAWAN UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, MANY OF WHOM WERE EDUCATED IN
U.S. DURING AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION OF OKINAWA, ARE STARVED FOR

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AND STRONGLY DESIRE RESUMPTION OF CONTACTS WITH AMERICAN INTELLEC-
TUAL COMMUNITY WHICH WERE BROKEN OFF AT TIME OF REVERSION IN 1972.
AS DIRECTOR OF HARVARD'S EAST ASIAN INSTITUTE, AND PROFICIENT IN
JAPANESE, VOGEL WAS EXACTLY RIGHT PERSON TO TAKE FIRST STEP IN RE-
OPENING COMMUNICATIONS WITH OKINAWAN INTELLECTUALS, MANY OF WHOM
ARE OPINION LEADERS IN SOCIETY WHICH IS SO PREOCCUPIED WITH AND HAS
UNFAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE.
2. CONGEN BELIEVES THAT MORE VISITS BY AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS IN
FIELDS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO OKINAWAN UNIVERSITIES COULD BRING
DISPROPORTIONATE BENEFITS IN TERMS OF OKINAWAN GOODWILL AND BETTER
UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. UNIVERSITY OF RYUKYUS PRESIDENT HAS ASSURED
CG OF UNIVERSITY'S INTEREST IN HAVING CONGEN AND EMBASSY TOKYO
FACILITATE FUTURE VISITS AND CG WILL BE MEETING WITH SENIOR FACULTY
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MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST WHICH CONGEN WILL

PROVIDE TO EMBASSY/USIS TOKYO.

3. WE WISH TO EMPHASIZE THAT OKINAWA, WHERE U.S. HAS MAJOR SECURITY INTERESTS, RECEIVES EXTREMELY FEW VISITS BY AMERICANS IN INTELLECTUAL, CULTURAL OR FOR THAT MATTER IN OTHER NON-MILITARY FIELDS. SINCE OKINAWA IS ON DIRECT ROUTE FROM JAPAN TO TAIPEI, MANILA AND HONG KONG, CONGEN BELIEVES THAT MORE STOPOVERS IN

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OKINAWA BY AMERICAN VISITORS TO EA AREA COULD BE ARRANGED AT MINIMAL COST TO USG. WE ALSO HOPE THAT OKINAWA CAN BE INCLUDED IN ITINERARIES FOR VARIOUS OTHER SPEAKERS WHO ARE BEING PROGRAMMED FOR VISITS TO OTHER PARTS OF JAPAN. THERE ARE SEVERE LIMITATIONS ON NUMBER OF AMERICAN VISITS CONGEN CAN ASSIST WITH CURRENT STAFF, BUT WE WISH TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM INITIATED BY VOGEL VISIT.

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